विवरण-I

अप्रैल-अगस्त, 98 (मिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर में) निर्यात (मुख्य मद)

				(आयात मुख्य मद)
1.	बागान उत्पाद	452.50	अनाज और उससे निर्मित	159.16
2.	कृषि एवं संबंद्ध	1565.20	खाद	384.99
3.	समुद्री उत्पाद	444.15	खाद्य तेल	569.94
4.	अयस्क एवं खनिज	310.88	पेट्रोलियम क्रूड एवं उत्पाद	2498.46
5.	चर्म एवं उससे निर्मित वस्तुएं	613.04	मोती, कीमती एवं अर्द्ध कीमती पत्थर	1558.35
6.	स्वर्णाभूषण	2199.29	मशीनरी	1755.39
7.	रसायन एवं संबद्ध उत्पाद	1675.60	परियोजना वस्तुएं	957.65
8.	इंजीनियरिंग वस्तुएं	1465.31	सोना एवं चांदी	2115.83
9.	इलैक्ट्रानिक्स वस्तुएं	232.19	कुल आयात	17369.74
10.	वस्त्र	3291.34		
	कुल निर्यात	13498.29		

विवरण-II

कुछ आवश्यक वस्तुओं का निर्यात (अप्रैल-अगस्त, 1998)

	अप्रैल	मई	जून	जुलाई	अगस्त
चना (दला हुआ)	1.5	1.54	1.41	1.7	0.91
चना (बिना दला हुआ)	0.6	0.33	0.39	0.02	0.37
अरहर	0.69	1.4	0.66	1.24	0.70
प्याज (ताजा)	30.6	23.1	23.7	21.4	15.5
प्याज (परिरक्षित)	0.9	1.7	1.6	0.9	0.6
प्याज (शुष्क)	4.0	4.1	3.2	1.3	1.9
आलू (ताजा)	0.3	0.04	0.19	0.24	0.15
आलू (प्रशीतित)	0.04	0.15	0.16	1.01	0.15

Thrust Areas for Exports from Andhra Pradesh

22. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some thrust areas have been identified in Andhra Pradesh for exports in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to concentrate on agro-exports from Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Ministry of Commerce has not specifically identified any thrust areas for exports from Andhra Pradesh in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99. The Ministry evolves plans and policies to

boost exports of various commodities including agri products.

(c) The major agri products exported from Andhra Pradesh are Fresh mangoes and grapes, Processed fruits and vegetables, Poultry products, Fresh eggs and egg powder, Rice and meat. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) have taken following steps for promoting exports of agri products from Andhra Pradesh:

(i) Organising integrated training programme for mangoes and grapes for the benefit of farmers in the major growing centres.

(ii) A study is being conducted to explore the potential for export of poultry products from the state and to suggest infrastructure requirement for development of export.

(iii) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has granted financial assistance for modernisation and upgradation of one of the sophisticated abattoir in private sector in the State.

(iv) Individual exporters have received Rs. 34.67 lakhs under the various developmental schemes of APEDA for promotion of product in the export market.

(v) A dedicated facility for handling perishable cargo is being set up at Hyderabad Airport.

(vi) Tobacco Board has taken several measures for export of tobacco because of which 32% growth in tobacco exports in value terms was noticed in 1997-98. Exports in 1997-98 were of the order of Rs. 972.83 crores.

(vii)Spices Board has regional offices in Hyderabad and Guntur which implement and monitor programmes in the areas of post harvest handling and quality management of spices.

Export of Agricultural Products

23. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the target fixed for the export of agricultural products specially fruits and vegetables for the current year and how much export has actually been made, so far;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large quantity of perishable goods get rotten before it reaches the market;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken for quick transportation of such goods by air during the last two years and with what results;

(d) whether Government propose to set up air terminals for perishable goods;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The export performance for the period April-August 1998 and the initial targets fixed for the year 1998-99 are as below:—

	April-August 1998 (US$ Million)*	Initial Targets (US$ Million)
Agricultural Products	1456.77	4089
(of which) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	62.52	200

*source DGCIS Calcutta

(b) and (c) Government is aware that considerable quanity of perishable horticultural goods are damaged due to poor handling and absence of adequate post, harvest infrastructural facilities such as cold storages, etc. in order to assist in quick transportation of perishable goods for export markets, the Government is providing air freight subsidy for the export of selected fresh fruits and vegetables. The Government has also been providing financial assistance to growers/exporters for setting up of infrastructure facilities for handling perishables under its various schemes. These include:—

(i) Provision of soft loans for setting up of grading/processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipment;

(ii) Providing financial assistance to exporters/growers/Cooperative Societies for development of infrasturctural facilties such as purchase of specialised transport units establishment of pre colling/cold storage facilities, integrated post-harvest handing systems (pack houses);

(iii) Estabishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the